

In the Claims:

Please amend pending Claims 11, 16-22 and 27-30, and cancel Claims 12-15 and 23-26, without prejudice, as shown in the Listing of Claims below, which is a complete listing of all Claims ever presented and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the Claims in the instant Application.

Listing of Claims

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation comprising from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, an amount of at least one glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent selected from glycyrrhetic acid, a glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt derivatives and extracts of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and their salts, effective to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, of benzoyl peroxide.

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim~~ Claim 11 containing at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid, ~~and derivatives thereof~~ salicylic acid-N-alkylamides, benzoyl—peroxide, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitrilotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle sulfur and mixtures of two or more thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim~~ Claim 16, wherein the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component is present in quantities of 0.1 to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

18. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim~~ Claim 16, wherein the amount of ~~the at least one glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt antibacterial agent, on the one hand,~~ and the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component, ~~on the other hand,~~ are present in a ratio, by weight, of 10:90 to 90:10.

19. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim~~ Claim 16, wherein the ~~at least one glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, benzoyl peroxide, antibacterial agent and,~~ optionally, the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component are in microencapsulated form.

20. (Currently amended) A composition for treating or preventing acne comprising a cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim 12~~ Claim 11.

21. (Currently amended) A composition for treating or preventing acne comprising a cosmetic preparation according to ~~claim~~ Claim 16.

22. (Currently amended) A method for treating or preventing acne~~[[,]]~~ comprising administering to a person in need thereof a cosmetic preparation comprising from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, an amount of at least one glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent selected from glycyrrhetic acid, a glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt derivatives and from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, extracts of benzoyl peroxide Glycyrrhiza glabra, and their salts, effective to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria causing or exacerbating acne.

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23-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~claim~~ Claim 22, wherein the cosmetic preparation contains at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic components selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid ~~and derivatives thereof~~, salicylic acid-N-alkylamides ~~benzoyl peroxide~~, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitrilotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle sulfur and mixtures of two or more thereof.

28. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~claim~~ Claim 27, wherein the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component is present in quantities of 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

29. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~claim~~ Claim 28, wherein the amount of ~~at least one~~ a glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt ~~antibacterial agent, on the one hand~~, and the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component, ~~on the other hand~~, are present in a ratio, by weight, of 10:90 to 90:10.

30. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~claim~~ Claim 27, wherein the ~~at least one~~ glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, benzoyl peroxide, ~~antibacterial agent~~ and, optionally, the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component comprising the cosmetic preparation are in microencapsulated form.